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Letter dated 1 September 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Paraguay to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you of Paraguay's position on the request for the inclusion of a supplementary item in the agenda of the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly entitled "Question of the representation of the twenty-three million people of Taiwan in the United Nations" submitted by a number of States Members of the Organization, and contained in document A/59/194, of 10 August 2004.

1. The Republic of Paraguay maintains full diplomatic, commercial and cultural relations with the Republic of China (Taiwan), values those relations, and respects the progress made by Taiwan in all areas, especially in the economic and commercial sphere.

2. In view of the principle of universality enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and the attributes of statehood, as well as other essential circumstances, Paraguay believes that the international community cannot fail to consider the proposal in question, which reflects the aspirations of the 23 million people of Taiwan, as it would for any other State which met the requirements laid down in the Charter of the United Nations. In line with this policy, Paraguay supported the admission to the World Trade Organization of both the People's Republic of China and the Republic of China (Taiwan).

3. Paraguay, as a founding Member of an Organization which is making constant efforts to prevent and resolve the conflicts that beset various parts of the world and needs the participation of all States, and considering the recent changes which have taken place at the international level, such as those arising from the globalization process, believes that there are sufficient grounds to admit to the Organization those States which, through their actions at the international level, effectively demonstrate their desire to participate in and contribute to the common efforts to advance the purposes and principles of the United Nations.

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4. The Government of Paraguay confirms that the foregoing is consistent with its foreign policy on this matter and it therefore supports the request made.

Lastly, I should like to request that this letter be circulated as a document of the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly, in relation to the request for the inclusion of the "Question of the representation of the twenty-three million people of Taiwan in the United Nations" as a supplementary item in the provisional agenda.

(*Signed*) Eladio **Loizaga**
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